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Geographic Area Representation



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1. For some time you have been aware of our intense interest in having a Geographer located somewhere on the Agency's staff [redacted] As Geographic Area people return from area familiarization trips [redacted] they invariably point out a lack of representation of our needs for certain kinds of information to employees [redacted]

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For example, [redacted] - recently returned - made an attempt to follow through on a requirement that they had placed for information residing in the files [redacted]. To their consternation, they found the requirement had never reached the individuals [redacted] who say they are more than willing to send back this detailed information to us. It is fairly obvious that they cannot send back material which they do not know we need.

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2. I feel that it is about time to recognize the fact that many of the real requirements of the Geographic Area -- which are directly related to our support of [redacted] unconventional warfare studies -- are not of sufficient priority in the IPC system to get them placed in the field for collection action. This apparently is an oddity related to the system of determining what is important, and we must undoubtedly learn to live with it. Unless we are willing to be deprived of valuable data which has been collected and which now resides in these files and more than likely will not be sent back to Washington, we should make every effort to place a representative who can act in response to our known requirements for detailed data [redacted]

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3. I earnestly request your serious consideration for the establishment of a position [redacted] to be occupied by a Geographer with freedom from current intelligence and other briefing duties which would tie him down and limit his effectiveness as far as we are concerned.

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